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(Runway-Taxiway System)

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report on
Cochstedt airfield which gives information on the following: (1) Runway/
Taxiway System, (2) Construction of Air Vents, (3) Delivery of Pre-cast
Concrete Sections, and (4) Labor Forces. Two sketches are also included:
One shows the approximate layout of the runway/taxiway system in relation
to the road and rail spur serving the site, and the other shows the shapes
and approximate dimensions of pre-cast concrete sections lying adjacent to
the rail head.

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COCHSTEDT Airfield Construction Site

Situation as at 28th October 1958

Appendices: Appendix "A" shows the approximate lay-out of the runway/taxitrack system at COCHSTEDT construction site in relation to the road and rail spur serving the site, as on 28th October 1958.

Appendix "B" shows in diagram form the shapes and approximate dimensions of pre-cast concrete sections lying adjacent to the COCHSTEDT construction site rail head on 28th October.

RUNWAY/TAXITRACK SYSTEM

1. The approximate lay-out of the runway/taxitrack system at COCHSTEDT airfield construction site is shown at Appendix "A". By 28th October concreting had been completed to the extent shown, and work was in progress
 - (a) extending the runway to the west of the junction with the westernmost access track, and
 - (b) filling in with tar etc. the gaps between the concrete sections in the central section of the runway.
2. The width of the runway itself is 64 metres, and that of the taxi and access tracks, 14 metres.
3. A strip of concrete named a "warming-up road" ("Vorwärmstrasse") is to be built on the airfield for use by aircraft.

MISCELLANEOUS CONSTRUCTION

4. Prior to the 28th October 1958, four chimneys or air vents were constructed at ground level approximately half way between the end of the permanent airfield rail spur and the main domestic site, and about 100 m. to the north of a line drawn between the two (see also App. "A" for location). These chimneys or vents stand about 1.60 m. high above ground level and are made of brick, with earth banked up round them to a height of about 1 metre; the outside cross-section measurement of the chimneys is equivalent to 2½ brick lengths. The four chimneys are situated at the corners of a 20 m. (approx.) square.
5. During the latter part of October pre-cast concrete sections have been delivered to the site, and on 28th October the following types and numbers of sections were lying in the area round the end of the permanent airfield rail spur (Note: the numbers in brackets refer to the sketches at Appendix "B",

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indicating the shape of the particular section under reference):-

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| (1) Number seen | = | 200 - 300 |
| Height | = | 1.80 m. |
| Breadth | = | 1 to 1.20 m. |
| Length | = | 1.50 m. |
| Thickness of concrete | = | 20 cms. |
| (2) Number seen | = | about 20 |
| Overall dimensions and thickness of concrete | = | as for (1) above |
| (3) Number seen | = | 5 or 6 |
| Overall dimensions | = | as for (1) above |
| Thickness of concrete | = | main body 20 cms.
upper 'tray' 10 - 12 cms. |
| (4) Number seen | = | 30 - 40 |
| Length and breadth | = | 1 to 1.20 m. |
| Height | = | 50 cms. |
| Diameter of holes in sides | = | 10 - 12 cms. |
| (5) Number seen | = | not more than 10 |
| Dimensions as for (4) above | | |
| <u>Note:</u> this section is similar to a frame, and has no 'floor' or 'back' to it. | | |

N.B. All dimensions are approximate only.

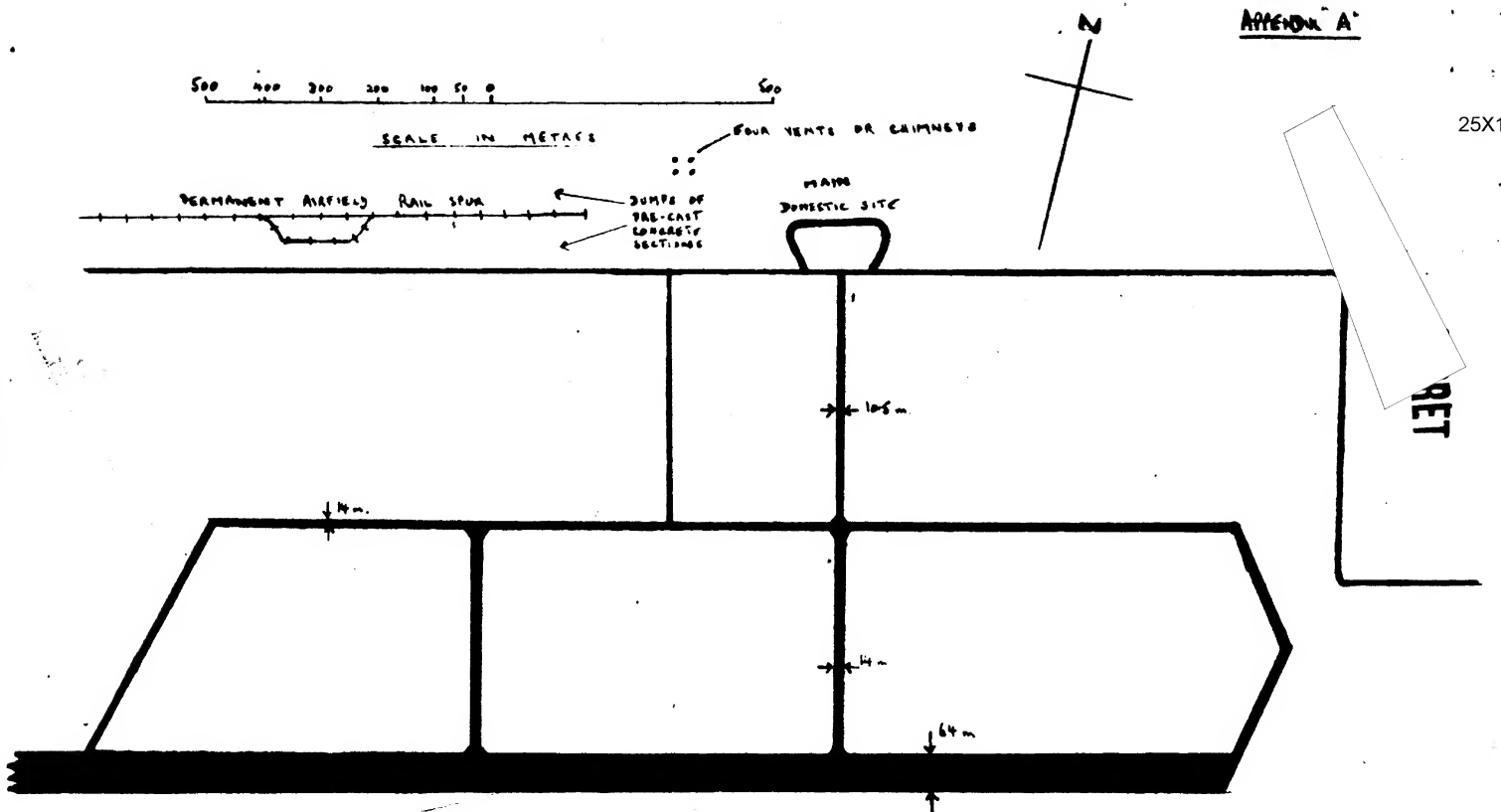
LABOUR FORCE

6. The Soviet labour unit which has carried out all levelling and grading work on the site has been, during the second half of October, in the process of being withdrawn, together with its equipment. It is being transferred to another airfield construction site.

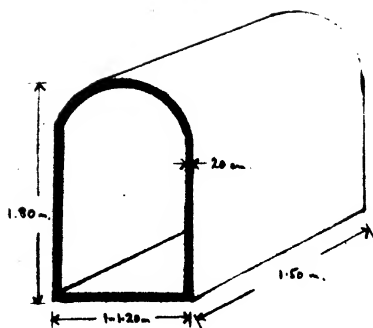
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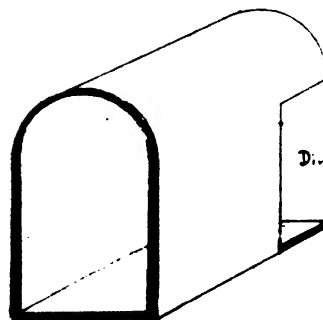
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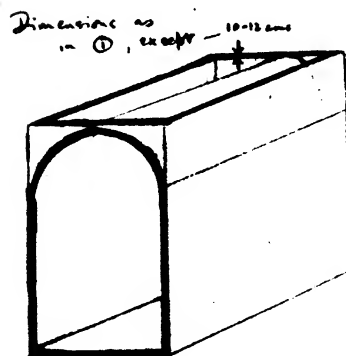
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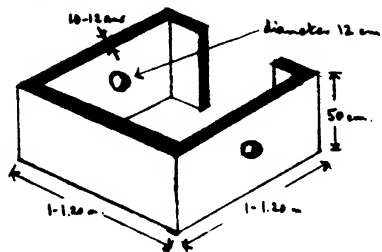
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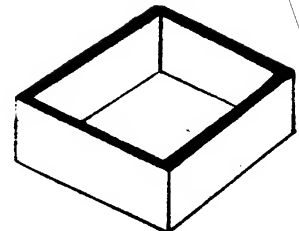


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